Cost Escalation of Dulhastt Hydro-Electric Power Project

1003. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of Dulhasti Hydro-Electric Power Pro-jet has, no far, escalated from the original ot of Rs. 1,262 crores to Rs. 5,000 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the French Consortium, which is exeduting the project has told Government about its intention to withdraw from the project; and

(c) what are the reasons for the phenomenal increase in the cost of the project and what is the reaction of Government to the Consortium's intention of abandoning the project half-way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) According to present estimates of NHPC, the Project cost has increased to Rs. 2271 crores, mainly on account of price escalation and exchange rate changes. In the present security environment the French Consortium is unwilling to perform any functions on site while the consortium is in the process of exploring other options for project completion with their continued involvement.

Appointment of Chairman of NHPC

1004. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the working of the NHPC has been affected due to the delay in the appointment of a permanent Chairman;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are in the process of winding up many projects of NHPC; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The working of the NHPC has not been aff ected due to the delay in the appoint ment of a regular incumbent to the post.

(b) and (c) Government is not considering winding up any of the approved project* of NHPC.

Lack of Funds for Completion of Power Projects

1005. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that some sanctioned power projects in some states could not be implemented for want of funds;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) What steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes,

Sir. The power projects which could not be implemented so far due to lack of funds are as follows:—

Name	State	Capacity
1. Barsingsar TPP	Rajasthan	2x120 MW
2. Birsinghpur St. II	M,P.	2x210 MW
3. Pench TPP	-do-	2x210 MW
4. Neyveli (Zero Unit)	Tamil Nadu	1x210 MW
5. Khaparkheda St-II	Maharashtra	2x210 MW
6. Ib Units 3 & 4	Orissa	2x210 MW
7. Potteru HEP	-do-	2x3 MW
8. *Kutch Lignite*	Gujarat	1x70 MW
9. Kolar, Bidar, Jankhandi & Indi (DG sets)	Karnataka	12x6.48 MW
10. Bakreshwar TPP	West Bengal	3x210 MW
11. Amguri CCGT	Assam	9x30 GT + 3x30 ST
12. Tenughat St-II	Bihar	3x210 MW
13. Koel Karo HEP	-do-	4x172.5 + 1x20 MW
14. Chandil HEP	-do-	2x4 MW
15. Visakhapatnam	A. P.	2x500 MW
16. Dhauliganga HEP	U. P.	4x70 MW
17. Srinagar HEP	-do-	6x55 MW
18. Lakhwar Vyasi HEP	-do-	3x100 + 2x60 MW
19. Maneri Bhali HEP	-do-	4x75 MW
20. Largi HEP	H. P.	3x42 MW

(c) Government is consistently making efforts to obtain external assistance for these projects. Private participation is also beinig encouraged in the power sector to achieve additionality of resources.

टिहरी परियोजना के लिये नया पैकेज

1006. श्री वीरेन्द्र जे. शाह :
डा. जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 24 मई, 1993 के "इकोनोमिक टाइम्स" में प्रकाशित "पावर मिनिस्ट्री वर्क्स आउट न्यू पैकेज फार टिहरी प्रोजैक्ट" शीर्षक समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार टेहरी परियोजना के निर्माण हेतु राशि प्रदान करने के लिए नए उपाय किए जाने पर विचार कर रही है; और